(b) whether upgradation facility is not extended despite seats being vacant in upper class and these seats go remaining vacant;

(c) whether upgradation facility will be restored by Government; and

(d) if so, the time when it will be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) These are commercial decisions of the airline, which are taken considering the product and facilities offered by the competitors.

Air services in North India and East India

2331. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in the North India and East India where air services are inadequate or deficient;

(b) the reasons for the same;

(c) the demands made by various quarters in the matter; and

(d) the steps being taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) All the operational airports in the North and Eastern India are air linked with the scheduled air services.

(c) and (d) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued Civil Aviation Requirements for scheduled regional air transport service with a view to promote air connectivity within a region, expand air travel services for Tier II and Tier III cities and between specific regions. There are four regions identified as North, South, West, East/North-East coinciding with the Flight Information Regions (FIRs) as defined by the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

The Government has issued initial No Objection Certificate (NOC) to operate Scheduled Air Transport (Regional) Services to M/s. Jagson Airlines and M/s. MDLR Airlines for Northern Region and M/s. Zav Airways for North East/Eastern Region. Out of these M/s. MDLR Airlines commenced its operations in year 2008.

Incidents of bird hits at Delhi airport

2332. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cases of bird hits of civilian aircrafts near the airports particularly at the Delhi Airport have increased in the past few months;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the reasons for increase in bird hits accidents of aircrafts have been ascertained;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and